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1. ANTI-QADHAFI PRESS CAMPAIGN RESURGED AUGUST 18 WITH LIBYA IN SECOND PLACE ONLY TO COVERAGE OF SADAT ACITIVIES IN COLOMBO. PRESS GAVE MOST PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ARREST OF THREE "LIBYAN AGENTS" WHO CONFESSED TO SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT. CRIMES INCLUDE JUNE 30 BUS TERMINAL BOMBING IN DAMANHUR AND ALEXANDRIA TRAIN BOMBING ATTEMPT OF JUNE 29. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AGENTS ARE EGYPTIANS FROM WESTERN DESERT WHO WERE TRAINED BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IDRIS AL SHARIF AT "SHUBA" CAMP IN TOBRUK. FOURTH MEMBER OF GROUP SAID TO BE STILL
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AT LARGE. ALL FOUR NAMES PUBLISHED, AGE RANGE 21 TO 30.

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2. MEANWHILE, SOCIALIST LIBERAL ORGANIZATION (ASU RIGHT WING) ISSUED STATEMENT CONDEMNING QADHAFI AND CALLING ON LIBYANS TO RID THEIR COUNTRY OF "MAD COLONELS".

3. PAPERS ALSO CARRY NOTICES FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WARNING PEOPLE THAT LIBYAN AGENTS "AIMING AT THEIR LIVES" AND DIRECTING THEM TO REPORT SUSPECTS.

4. PRESS ALSO PLAYED UP STORY FROM FIAGARO COMMENTING THAT PRESENT QADHAFI RELATIONS WITH EGYPT PART OF HIS SCHEME FOR RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION, "WHICH IS PROTECTING HIM AGAINST POSSIBLE LIQUIDATION BY CAIRO" FIGARO REPORT ACCUSES QADHAFI OF SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSION AGAINST MOROCCANS, SUDANESE AND EVEN ALGERIANS, AND DESCRIBED LIBYAN ROLE IN LEBANON AS IN SERVICE OF SYRIAN INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO FIGARO, QADHAFI DOMESTIC POPULARITY COMPLETELY ERODED.

5. STORY IN PROMINENT WEEKLY AKHER SAA CLAIMED "EXPLOSION" OF LIBYAN INTERNAL SITUATION IMMINENT. STORY SAYS HOSTILITY TO QADHAFI OVER CONSPIRACIES IN SUDAN AND EGYPT INTENSIFYING AMONG PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES. LARGE SCALE ARRESTS OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OPPONENTS AS WELL AS CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF ALL MEMBERS OF LIBYAN RCC CITED AS EVIDENCE. ACCORDING TO STORY, QADHAFI HAS MADE SWEEPING CHANGES IN ARMY COMMAND, PLACING HIS SUPPORTERS IN KEY POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY TO INSURE CONTROL OF MILITARY IN BENGHAZI REGION.

6. FORMER RCC MEMBER MUHAYSHI AGAIN UNLEASHED BY PRESS FOR EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW DESCRIBING QADHAFI'S "HORRIFYING CRIMES". SAID HE EXPECTED "LUNATIC" WOULD COMMIT MORE CRIMES BECAUSE IT IS IN NATURE TO DO SO. HIS PLOTS MOTIVATED ONLY BY "HIS DESIRE TO SEE PEOPLE KILLED--HIS UTMOST PLEASURE". MUHAYSHI CLAIMED ALL LIBYAN EMBASSIES FULL OF ARMS FOR CRIMES AND SABOTAGE, WITH EXCEPTION LONDON MISSION HEADED BY DR. AL-MAGHRABY, WHO NOW WORKING AGAINST QADHAFI POLICY. MUHAYSHI LITANY OF QADHAFI SINS ALSO INCLUDES CONTACTS WITH THE MAFIA AND ARGENTINE FASCISTS, FORMATION OF GANG OF MOROCCAN IMMIGRANTS TO LIBYA FOR SABOTAGE OPERATIONS IN ARAB WORLD IN COLLABORATION WITH QADHAFI "PARTNER IN CRIME" MASMLDI, AND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP
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WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST CARLOS. MUHAYSHI PREDICTS QADHAFI END CERTAIN TO COME VERY SOON. THERE IS "SOLUTION" TO QADHAFI CRIMES AND HE WILL BE STUDYING THAT SOLUTION WITH "LEADERS WHO CAN MAKE DECISIONS."

7. NOT TO BE OUTDONE, AHMED ZAYN (AKHBAR) VENTED MORE OF HIS SPLEEN ON QADHAFI. ZAYN DESCRIBED QADHAFI PARANOIA AS "EVEN STRONGER THA LSD" AND PROCEEDED TO TAUNT HIM FOR

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HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIET UNION. ZAYN SEES SOVIETS AS MAKING FOOL OF QADHAFI; HE CANNOT SAY NO TO THEM OR THEY WILL ALLOW HIS WEAPONS TO TURN TO JUNK (AS THEY DID TO EGYPT). MEANWHILE, THEY "RANSACKED" LIBYAN TREASURY OF RESOURCES WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN BATTLE AGAINST IARAEL. SOVIETS KNOW ARMS THEY FURNISH LIBYA WILL NOT BE USED AGAINST IARAEL, FOR QADHAFI WITHDREW FROM OCTOBER WAR IN ORDER TO WEAKEN EGYPTIANS AND MAKE THEIR DEFEAT AT HANDS OF ISRAEL POSSIBLE.

8. AKHER SAA REPORT CURFEW NOW IN FORCE FROM 1600 TO 0800 IN SALUM HEIGHTS AREA (NORTHERN MOST PART OF BORDER WITH LIBYA).
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